

**UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
TONTON NATIONAL FOREST
MESA RANGER DISTRICT**

TARGET SHOOTING PUBLIC SAFETY CLOSURE ORDER

PROHIBITIONS

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited on the areas, roads, and trails described in this order, and as described below and depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A, within the Mesa Ranger District of the Tonto National Forest, Pinal County, Arizona; effective January 18, 2014, until rescinded.

1. Discharging a firearm, air rifle or gas gun. 36 CFR 261.58(m)

EXEMPTIONS

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e), the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of any organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED

The restricted area includes all National Forest System lands and roads within the exterior boundaries of the Hewitt Station Road (FDR 357) and NFSR 3493, Tonto National Forest, as depicted in Exhibit A of this order. Starting from the intersection of NFSR 357 and the Forest boundary, following the roadway north until intersecting with NFSR 3493, then following NFSR 3493 west until intersecting with the Forest boundary, then follow the Forest boundary south and east until intersecting with FDR 357.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Order is the protection of National Forest visitors, employees and cooperators involved in a volunteer clean-up in the restricted area, where the indiscriminate discharge of a firearm is likely to pose a substantial risk to public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Prohibitions contained in this order become effected beginning Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 06:00 a.m. and will remain in effect until Saturday, January 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. unless terminated sooner.
2. These restrictions are in addition to the general prohibitions found at 36 CFR 261, Subpart A.

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3. Violation of these prohibitions is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [16 USC 551, 18 USC 3571(b) (6), 18 USC 3581(b) (7)].

Dated this 16th day of January, 2014, at Phoenix, Arizona.

NEIL BOSWORTH /s/

Neil Bosworth
Forest Supervisor